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# ECONOMIC DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

EBIC Case No.1 Control No. 27 October 1954

#### SUB-JECT

Production and Uses of Indium

### REQUESTING AGENCY AND DATE

POA/MDAC; 18 October 1954

#### DEADLINE FOR HECKIFT OF INFORMATION

As soon as possible, preferably before 1 December 1954

#### DROPOSED USE

Intelligence developed by the EDIC will be used by action agencies in determining whether this commodity should be made subject to U.S. and COCCH trade centrols.

# BACKGROUND AND REFERENCES

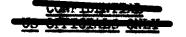
Background: Referenced communications are concerned with alleged Soviet bloc attempts to procure indium in Western Europe and with known uses of indium. There are also indications that new uses for indium of a highly strategic character have been developed recently by the U.S. Air Force. Small amounts of indium will harden copper and lead alloys and increase the tensile strength; it is used in aviation-engine bearing alloys. Lead-indium alloys are highly resistant to corrosion, and are useful for chemical-processing equipment.

This MDAC request for an intelligence study on Soviet bloc and Western European production and uses of indium, was considered at the TaG (now EDIC) meeting of 21 October. ImG/AM-15a of 12 October 1953, "ImG Commodity Analysis Checklist", or pertinent sections thereof, was cited as a possible basis from which this study can proceed.

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#### ASSIGNMENT OF PRODUCTION AND/OR ACTION RESPONSIBILITIES

It was agreed at the 21 October meeting that ING (now EDIC) would undertake to provide the information requested by MDAC, and that the OIR and OSD members would coordinate the production of this study with CIA/RR.

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# ASSIGNMENT OF PRODUCTION AND/OR ACTION RESPONSIBILITIES

It was agreed at the 21 October meeting that CIA and OIR would undertake a preliminary reconnaissance on availability of information and that they would report on the subject at the next meeting. It was further agreed that the OIR and OSD members would coordinate the production of any agreed study

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